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Caltrans Accelerates Repairs on US Highway 101 in San Benito County Due to SB 1 Funds

*Pavement Project Will Improve Two Interchanges in 4.5 Lane Miles,
Providing a Safer and Smoother Commute for Motorists*

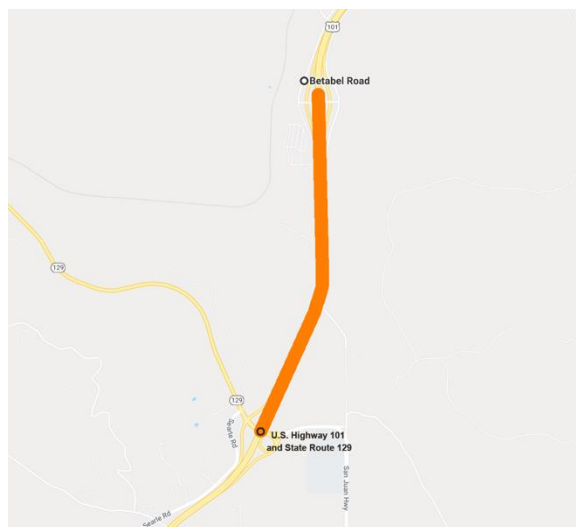
SAN BENITO COUNTY – Caltrans will repair 4.5 lane miles of U.S. Highway 101 at two interchanges due to the funds from Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

“US-101 is a major artery for commuters and tourists who travel through these busy interchanges,” said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. “This improvement project was made possible by SB 1, and we are moving at full steam ahead to make these aging roads smoother and safer for motorists.”

An average of 60,000 vehicles per day use the corridor to reach their destination, which includes approximately 8,000 truckers transporting freight through the area.

“It’s important that we maintain the infrastructure in this region to prevent more costly repairs in the future,” said Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins. “A lot of people rely on US-101 in San Benito County as an agricultural and tourism route.”

The contractor for this \$1.4 million project is Telfer Pavement Technologies of Sacramento, California. Starting July 22, motorists should expect full ramp closures overnight at the State Route 129 and Betabel Road interchanges on an alternating basis from Sunday night through Friday morning from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. Detour signs and electronic message boards will be posted to alert motorists



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of 10 to 15-minute delays. This project is scheduled for completion in late October 2018. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead, use alternate routes, and Be Work Zone Alert.

Work schedule is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/or materials, and/or construction-related issues.

More information and updates on projects can be found at:
<http://dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm> or on Twitter via [@CaltransD5](https://twitter.com/CaltransD5).

SB 1 provides an ongoing funding increase of about \$1.8 billion annually for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system. SB 1 funds will enable Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts by 2027.

Caltrans is committed to conducting its business in a fully transparent manner and detailing its progress to the public. For complete details on SB 1, visit <http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov/>.

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